



HONORED... Supervisor Kenneth Hahn presents a scroll to Major General Ben I. Funk, commanding general of the Air Force's Space Systems Division in the Centinela Valley and a Palos Verdes peninsula resident, in honor of his and the division's vital role in astronaut Gordon Cooper's 22-orbit flight.

### Armed Forces

Army PFC Richard B. Earle, son of Mrs. Mona M. Griffin, 22129 Ravenna St., was assigned to the U.S. Army Garrison at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., May 21. He attended Bakersfield High School.

Three Torrance men have been selected to attend technical training courses following completion of their United States Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex. The men, the courses they will attend, and duty stations are:

Airman Robert J. Carpenter, whose wife is the former Jo-Ann Cox of 229 E. 219th St., to attend a plumbing specialist course at Sheppard AFB, Tex. Airman David L. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles David

M. Wright of 22808 Mariposa Ave., to attend an air armament mechanic course at Lowry AFB, Colo.

Airman Anthony Munoz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex G. Munoz of 21249 Kinard Ave., to attend a communications analysis specialist course at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y. A graduate of Phineas Banning High School at Wilmington, Calif., he attended Harbor College.

Airmen Carpenter and Wright attended Narbonne High School.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, founded in 1946, now numbers 171 chapters, branches and units. It conducts programs of research, patient services and community and professional education.

### LIFE'S LIKE THAT By FRED NEHER



"We're a little suspicious about this \$6,000 deduction for entertainment... You don't look that gay!"

STAR GAZER\*\* By CLAY R. POLLAN. Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars. To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

EL DORADO, KAN., TIMES: "Litterbugging" on the highways not only creates unsightly messes but is costing the state considerable hard money..."

## Electronic Computers Now Search for Mates

by Count Marco

As you get older and that third finger, left hand doesn't have a ring around it, you suddenly discover your capacity for real love has decreased.

Many of you who have never bothered to take a husband, or have shed two, three or more, can think back to the number of times you were in love. How important each was at the time. How wonderful, exciting thrilling!

What's happened lately? Men don't thrill you they way they used to. It's getting increasingly difficult for you to fall in love. Maturity has done this to you. Your mind has been around, and instead of falling in love with love as you used to, you analyze a man inside out. Then you de-

cide you'll wait for the next one, hopefully.

Maturity causes you to be more critical of the man you have your sights on.

I have watched as you look over the field with intense efficiency of an electronic computer. Even your eyes have the same heated flash of digestion as the bulbs on those machines.

You lose more good men this way. Trouble is you've reached a point in life where there's no return. Your too-honest concern for your future keeps you from falling as readily as it did in the days when there was another man available just by batting your eyes.

Today you sit in the shadows of your life and overanalyze, overcriticize, overdramatize and overtraumatize. You have a desperate sigh and think perhaps you'd better wait for the next one.

But men aren't like buses. If they don't get enough pickup service on your line they switch to another route.

Your dream prince is a thing of the past. Settle for a commoner. If he has a good job, looks presentable and seems attracted to you, what more can you ask? Once you decide these are good enough qualities, you can always talk yourself into loving him.

Besides, it'll be a lot more fun holding him at home than an olive in a martini while you stretch out your tired old lonely years on some bar stool.

Good luck, good hunting, and it's indeed later than you think. (Distributed by Chronicle Features.)

### RED RYDER

By Fred Harman



### JEFF COBB

By PETE HOFFMAN



## Protection Urged Against Tetanus

By K. H. SUTHERLAND, M.D. County Health Officer

Tetanus is a truly fearsome disease that causes an unusually severe illness. It also has a high mortality rate, usually about 35 per cent in treated cases and much higher in persons untreated, which explains the dread that the disease inspires. Though only three cases of tetanus have occurred in Los Angeles County so far this year, all three of these were fatal. None of these unfortunates were immunized against the disease and, in all cases, medical assistance was obtained too late to be of help. The disease may occur at any period of life from infancy on. The ages of the 1963 victims in the Los Angeles area happened to be 20, 35, and 53;

they could just as easily have ranged from five months to 15 years except for the fact that children, from the period of early infancy through school age, are generally protected against the disease through immunization.

TETANUS IS NOT a contagious disease, so it cannot be passed from man to man or from animal to man. The responsible agent is the anaerobic spore-forming tetanus bacillus which, when in an airless (anaerobic) environment, develops and releases a deadly toxin (poison) that attacks the central nervous system. These organisms, harmless when in the air, are found nearly everywhere since they are present in the soil and are blown around in dust and dirt. Deep penetrating tissue wounds provide the ideal airless condition necessary for the propagation of these bacteria, but superficial injuries such as minor cuts, scratches, pricks, or even slight burns and skin abrasions may provide it as well. One of the year's local tetanus victims, a narcotic addict, contracted the disease following self-administered drug injections.

SIGNS OF ILLNESS usually appear anywhere from three days to three weeks after the wound becomes infected, with an average of about 10 days. Difficulty in swallowing, apprehension, and restlessness are common. Stiffness of the jaw and neck may progress to a spasm which results in trismus (lockjaw), which may also involve other muscles of the body, are often provoked by the slightest noise or movement or even by light. Oddly enough, though everyone can obtain active immunization against the disease with tetanus toxoid not too many persons beyond childhood or adolescence are so protected. Yet, unless an individual is immunized against the disease, the danger of its occurrence is always these in the case of any injury that breaks the skin.

TO OVERCOME these disadvantages, a human tetanus antitoxin (gamma globulin antitoxin) was recently developed and is now on the market. It is described in a current medical journal as being prepared from the blood plasma of blood donors who have specially received booster shots of tetanus toxoid. According to the report, this human antitoxin does not produce hypersensitivity reactions and provides a protection of longer duration than the old horse serum product. The human antitoxin is also used successfully in the treatment of the disease.

DEPENDING ON the type of product used, active immunization consists of 2 or 3 injections of tetanus toxoid given a month apart, followed by another dose about a year later. Though the protective substances produced by tetanus toxoid have been found in the blood 20 years or more after the completion of the first series of injections, booster doses of toxoid are usually recommended every 4 or 5 years in order to maintain a high level of immunity. Heretofore, those individuals who have not been actively immunized against tetanus at the time of an injury that calls for tetanus prophylaxis, have been given a large dose of tetanus antitoxin, a horse serum product. This, in itself, was a hazardous procedure, because many persons are allergic to horse serum and hence, in some cases, the resultant serum sickness and myocarditis (heart inflammation)

turned out to be as lethal as the disease. In addition, the protection afforded by the usual prophylactic dose of tetanus antitoxin was of very short duration, lasting from a few days to about three weeks.

SOLUTION. A crossword puzzle grid with some letters filled in.

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